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1. The Department of External Affairs of the Government of India (GOI) has requested that in addition to the scheduled air drops* to the Assam Rifles Units that an additional delivery of 2,000,000 pounds of political material** be made. These political supplies include such items as gifts, cloth, printed material and the like. Twenty-five percent of the supplies already dropped have been of a political nature.
2. Each Assam Rifles Unit has a political agent attached; the detachments are believed to run about 150 men each. These forward units are primarily for observation and are not intended for tactical action.
3. The air-drop operations was 45 percent completed as of 9 February 1951. However, the tentative completion date of 18 February has been rescheduled for 24 February because of the additional political supplies being dropped to these forward units.
4. Location of the camps*** of the Assam Rifles are as follows:

Ulong	Gobichem
Weilong	Changvukti
Mailong	Ajong
Bogong	Wajong
Riga	Dijong
Cochin	
5. Major Gurung, a Nepali, commands the service detachment at Jorhat. The air drop operation is under the command of Colonel Meyer at Shillong. Captain Cutting, a Nepali, commands the Weilong camp. The entire operation has been inspected by the highest military authorities, including the Chief of Staff, General Singh.

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6. There is evidence of considerable renovation of airdromes in Assam. The Burmah Oil Company has more orders for asphalt for runway repairs than it can handle; and the GOI has warned that aircraft approaching the airstrip at Sibsagar without authorization will be fired upon.

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25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. This is the first report that political supplies are being sent to these units.

25X1X** [REDACTED] Comment. There are three camps in the Loti River Valley; whether their names appear in this list is not certain. A total of 15 camps are being supplied.

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